

presently being amended. A mark-up showing the changes to claims 1 and 9 is attached as an Appendix.

1. (Amended) A method to form multiple images in substantial registration on shaped edible pieces, said method comprising the steps of:

printing an image on a shaped edible piece to form a printed piece at a first printing station;

transporting the printed piece to a second printing station and maintaining a registering relationship of said printed piece from said first printing station to said second printing station by applying a pressure differential to a portion of said printed piece effective to maintain said printed piece in a set position in a transporting recess; and

printing a second image on said printed piece while maintaining said registering relationship.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said transporting recess includes a resilient portion, and said applying of a pressure differential urges said printed piece against said resilient portion.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said multiple images are formed on at least one non-planar surface of said shaped edible pieces.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said non-planar surface of said edible piece is maintained above a transport surface at said first and said second printing stations.


5. Cancelled.

6. Cancelled.

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8. Cancelled.

9. (Amended) A method to form multiple images in substantial registration on a shaped edible piece, said method comprising the steps of:

 retaining a shaped edible piece against a recess formed on a transporting surface by applying a pressure differential to a portion of said shaped edible piece effective to urge said shaped edible piece against said recess;

printing a first image on said shaped edible piece to form a printed piece at a first printing station; and

printing a second image on said printed piece while maintaining a registering relationship of said first image to said second image.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein said recess includes a resilient portion, and said applying of a pressure differential urges said edible piece against said resilient portion.

11. The method according to claim 9, wherein said multiple images are formed on at least one non-planar surface of said shaped edible piece.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein said non-planar surface of said shaped edible piece is maintained above said transporting surface at said first and said second printing stations.

Claims 13-58 cancelled.

REMARKS

I. Election/Restriction

Claims 5-8 and 12-58 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer pursuant to a restriction requirement, which the Examiner has made final.

II. Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4 and 9-12 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. No new matter has been added.